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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing because I understand you wanted public input on how to improve food safety.

I understand there is public pressure to exclude the animals from consideration in the Council's plan.

Food safety hazards first and foremost need to be addressed at the source, with mandatory safeguards at the animal production stage. These include more humane and hygienic treatment and conditions for farm animals. Short of this, any food safety plan is doomed to fail. Regulatory authority at the production stage must be expanded, with adequate funding activity sought.

I hope that my comments help. Thank you

Yours truly,



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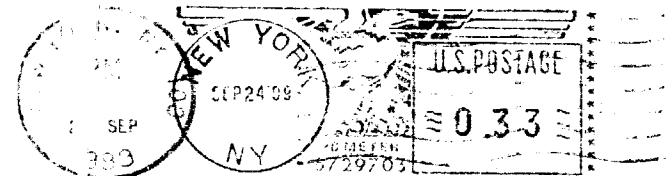
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